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SUBJECT: CASE OF ARGENTINE NATIONALS GUILLERMO VOGLER AND LILIANA
VOGLER

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1. VOGLER FAMILY APPROACHED EMBASSY APRIL 28 BEFORE ARRIVAL OF
REFTEL. MRS. VOGLER TOLD EMBOFF THAT AMERICAN RELATIVES INFORMED
HER THAT "PAPERS" WERE COMING FROM USG TO "RESOLVE" CASE OF HER
DETAINED HUSBAND ARGENTINE NATIONAL GUILLERMO VOGLER AND THAT SHE
SHOULD SUSPEND HER EFFORTS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE THROUGH ARGEN-
TINE AUTHORITIES. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT PAPERS
HER US RELATIVES MEANT. AS INS PETITION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED
IN EMBASSY TO DATE, EMBOFFS HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH
MRS. VOGLER. SHE INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY (MAY 5) THAT HER HUSBAND
HAD REQUESTED TO EXERCISE HIS OPTION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA ON MARCH
4, 1976, THREE WEEKS BEFORE ALL OPTION REQUESTS WERE SUSPENDED
BY THE JUNTA. A NEW PETITION, PRESENTED IN LATE 1976, WAS
REJECTED BECAUSE OF UNDEFINED "CHARGES" AGAINST HIM. LAST WEEK
MRS. VOGLER FILED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND AN APPEAL FOR HIS
RELEASE THROUGH THE COURTS. THE CASE HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD
BY A JUDGE. MRS. VOGLER SAID THAT HER DAUGHTER HAS BEEN
CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND HER CASE HAS ALREADY
BEEN ASSIGNED TO A JUDGE. THE DAUGHTER HAS NOT PETITIONED TO
LEAVE THE COUNTRY. MRS. VOGLER VISITS HER HUSBAND EVERY SUNDAY
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AND HER DAUGHTER ON MONDAYS. HE IS IN PAVILLION 14 OF UNIT 9
OF LA PLATA PRISON. TREATMENT IS ACCEPTABLE AND PRISONERS'
FEARS THAT SOME WERE MARKED FOR DEATH HAVE RECENTLY SUBSIDED.
SHE SAID THE INTL RED CROSS MAKES REGULAR VISITS TO UNIT 9 IN
LA PLATA, AND THAT CONDITIONS IN VILLA DEVOTO ARE WORSE THAN IN
LA PLATA.

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, GOA HAS NOT PERMITTED ACCESS OF FOREIGN CONSUL TO DETAINED ARGENTINE CITIZENS AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT INS PETITION, EVEN IF RECEIVED, COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS LONG AS GUILLERMO VOGLER IS DETAINED. GOA HAS, HOWEVER, TO DATE AUTHORIZED SOME 20 ARGENTINE CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, ALL OF WHOM APPARENTLY WERE DETAINED AND HAD PETITIONED TO USE THEIR RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BEFORE THE MILITARY GOVT CAME TO POWER. (RADICAL LAWYER SOLARI IRIGOYEN IS ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS PATTERN KNOWN TO EMBASSY SO FAR.) EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MOST OF THE POST-COUP PETITIONS HAVE BEEN AND ARE ROUTINELY REJECTED BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, AGAIN SOLARI IRIGOYEN BEING THE BEST KNOWN EXCEPTION. ON APRIL 30, THE SUSPENSION OF THE RIGHT OF OPTION WAS EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER 150 DAYS. WITH MRS. VOGLER'S APPROVAL, EMBASSY WILL EXPRESS US INTEREST IN CASE OF GUILLERMO VOGLER TO FONMIN HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP. PLEASE CONFIRM STATUS OF INS PETITION FOR GUILLERMO VOGLER.
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